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- 21) [111068] Nabbed Both Foxiis tonight
by Fred Lesnick <flesnick@tbaytel.net>
- 22) [111069] FS: radio estate gear
by "George Heron N2APB" <n2apb@erols.com>
- 23) [111070] Looking for Circad SMD layout [QRP-related]
by "George Heron N2APB" <n2apb@erols.com>
- 24) [111071] FOX I think I got them both..
by "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>
- 25) [111072] Re: FOXes spotted *tonight* :-)
by Bob Schreibmaier <k3ph@dxis.monroe.pa.us>
- 26) [111073] Fox -- Not My Night...
by Todd Enders <enders@bolshoi.cc.misu.nodak.edu>
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by "Steve/n0tu" <n0tu@webaccess.net>
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by Bruce Rattray <rattray@gpfn.sk.ca>
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by "Marshall Emm" <mgemm@ntechnologies.com>
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by Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
- 32) [111079] Re: Fox -- Not My Night...
by "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
- 33) [111080] Re: Troubleshooting - MFJ-9040
by n5ib@juno.com
- 34) [111081] FOX: Cub Fox Hunt frequency move
by "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
- 35) [111082] Working Japan
by Alex <kr1st@amsat.org>
- 36) [111083] Re: Truffle 11/8/01
by k8cz@att.net
- 37) [111084] QQ
by Joseph Mikuckis <k3chp@erols.com>
- 38) [111085] Re: [fpqrp] Truffle 11/8/01 ver. 1.1
by k8cz@att.net
- 39) [111086] Re: Working Japan
by "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
- 40) [111087] Re: Cub Fox Hunt frequency move
by "Brian" <brian@iquest.net>
- 41) [111088] J-12 CW key FS
by "Ken Simpson, W8EK" <W8EK@fdt.net>
- 42) [111089] Re: Working Japan
by "Brian" <brian@iquest.net>
- 43) [111090] FOXLESS

- by John Wagner <john@wagner-usa.net>
- 44) [111091] Re: Working Japan
by Steve Yates - AA5TB <aa5tb@arrl.net>
- 45) [111092] Re: Working Japan
by "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
- 46) [111093] Autek audio filter FS
by "Ken Simpson, W8EK" <W8EK@fdt.net>
- 47) [111094] Re: Working Japan
by "Lau, Zack, W1VT" <zlau@arrl.org>
- 48) [111095] FOX # 5 = 114 pelts
by "Steve/n0tu" <n0tu@webaccess.net>
- 49) [111096] Re: Re QRL? or didit dit
by Bill Coleman <aa4lr@arrl.net>
- 50) [111097] Re: R7 Vertical
by Bill Coleman <aa4lr@arrl.net>
- 51) [111098] Re: Fox -- Not My Night...
by "Trevor Jacobs" <fxtech@earthlink.net>
- 52) [111099] Re: Working Japan
by Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
- 53) [111100] Re: Fox -- Not My Night...
by "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
- 54) [111101] STEVE - N0TU
by Ken Wagner <kewagner@ids.net>
- 55) [111102] Re: Cub Fox Hunt frequency move
by "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
- 56) [111103] re: Need help with FCC
by top@whidbey.com
- 57) [111104] Re: Starpower Poll & Honor Roll
by Bill Coleman <aa4lr@arrl.net>
- 58) [111105] HB Antenna Tuner
by "Tim A. King Jr." <iflyos@hotmail.com>
- 59) [111106] RE: Cub Fox Hunt frequency move
by "Andreas Junge - ATT" <ajunge1@home.com>
- 60) [111107] Re: Symmetry? Reciprocity?
by Bill Coleman <aa4lr@arrl.net>
- 61) [111108] Re: HB Antenna Tuner
by "w8diz" <w8diz@fpqrp.com>
- 62) [111109] Re: Re QRL? or didit dit
by Bob Patten <n4bp@yahoo.com>
- 63) [111110] Re: R7 Vertical
by Mark M <markem@cervnet.com>
- 64) [111111] Nice Links from the Digest
by "Rich Dailey, KA8OKH" <okh.npi@gte.net>
- 65) [111112] Re: Symmetry? Reciprocity?
by "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
- 66) [111113] FS: FT-817 + accessories
by "NZ8J" <timcook@erinet.com>
- 67) [111114] It's not about technical competence

- by Jim Glover <psykey@okcforum.org>
- 68) [111115] Re: It's not about technical competence
by "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
- 69) [111116] Re: It's not about technical competence
by Jim Glover <psykey@okcforum.org>
- 70) [111117] Re: Nice Links from the Digest
by "Brice D. Hornback" <bdh@cyberbound.net>
- 71) [111118] Re: It's not about technical competence
by "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
- 72) [111119] RE: It's not about technical competence
by "Ed Tanton" <n4xy@att.net>
- 73) [111120] Re: It's not about technical competence
by "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
- 74) [111121] Re: Current issue of CQ Magazine - anyone?
by John Harper AE5X <ae5x@qsl.net>
- 75) [111122] Re: Symmetry? Reciprocity?
by Bill Coleman <aa4lr@arrl.net>
- 76) [111123] Re: It's not about technical competence
by Jim Glover <psykey@okcforum.org>
- 77) [111124] Re: It's not about technical competence
by baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com
- 78) [111125] AT Saturday
by Daryl Cline <wb4yex@yahoo.com>
- 79) [111126] RE: It's not about technical competence
by "Ed Tanton" <n4xy@att.net>
- 80) [111127] Re: it's not about technical competence
by "David Porter" <aa3ur@home.com>
- 81) [111128] Re: Working Japan
by kb1dxc@discovernet.net (kb1dxc)
- 82) [111129] FT-817 has been sold...
by "NZ8J" <timcook@erinet.com>
- 83) [111130] Re: It's not about technical competence
by Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
- 84) [111131] Re: It's not about technical competence
by Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>

Date: Fri, 09 Nov 2001 00:07:36 +0000
From: Michael Neverdosky <michaeln@cfl.rr.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111048] Re: Paddles question
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Bill Coleman wrote:

>
> On 10/26/01 2:33 PM, Bradfield Brad-P53117 at Brad.Bradfield@motorola.com
> wrote:
>
> >I personally hate (Read that HATE!!) Benchers and always have. They just
> >plain feel mushy to me.
>
> My problem with Benchers is they fly apart when I use them. You slap a
> paddle hard enough and PING! the whole thing comes off it's hinges....

The same thing happens when the (one of several) cat steps on the
paddle.
:-))

OTOH I am using TR-Log as my keyer these days so I can instantly switch
to
keyboard operation. :-) The computer is a bit large for field use. :-)(

michael N6CHV

Date: Thu, 08 Nov 2001 15:22:07 -0900
From: Jim Larsen AL7FS <AL7FS@ARRL.NET>
To: "qrp-1@lehigh.edu" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [111049] Pixie Introductory Manual in MS Word format
Message-ID: <3BEB21AF.D7BE5E5A@ARRL.NET>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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<http://www.ee.ualberta.ca/courses/ee401/archive.html>

Check out the Pixie Manual on this page. It is from an older 400 level
college project so you might want to save it off to your hard drive. It
is in MS Word format and 1.4Mb in size.

73, Jim

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Jim Larsen, AL7FS, Anchorage, Alaska
(BP51cc) - 61.101 North, 149.824 West
mailto:al7fs@arrl.net - <http://www.qsl.net/al7fs/>

Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2001 19:23:29 -0500
From: "John Dorson" <jdorson@Worldshare.net>
To: <iflyos@hotmail.com>,

"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111050] Re: List working?
Message-ID: <002f01c168b4\$c581baa0\$91629c40@atwork>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

If you get one it's working...

----- Original Message -----

From: "Tim A. King Jr." <iflyos@hotmail.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2001 1:19 PM
Subject: List working?

> Is the list working, or is there just not much activity today?
>
>
> Tim A. King, Jr.
> KG4MQD
> Safety Officer, Hobby Park R/C Aircraft Club
> Winston Salem, NC
> AMA# 578668
>
> Albert Einstein, when asked to describe radio, replied:
>
> "You see, wire telegraph is a kind of a very, very long cat. You pull his
> tail in New York and his head is meowing in Los Angeles. Do you understand
> this? And radio operates exactly the same way: you send signals here, they
> receive them there. The only difference is that there is no cat."
> Albert Einstein (1879-1955)
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> -----
> Get your FREE download of MSN Explorer at <http://explorer.msn.com/intl.asp>
>

Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2001 19:25:39 -0500
From: "John Dorson" <jdorson@Worldshare.net>

To: <aa4lr@arrl.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111051] Re: Paddles question
Message-ID: <004d01c168b5\$13539aa0\$91629c40@atwork>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I used one for 5 or 6 years and never a problem. Maybe you should use a strength key or two wires touched together...

----- Original Message -----

From: "Bill Coleman" <aa4lr@arrl.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2001 4:29 PM
Subject: Re: Paddles question

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> wrote:
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> paddle hard enough and PING! the whole thing comes off it's hinges....
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>
>
> Bill Coleman, AA4LR, PP-ASEL Mail: aa4lr@arrl.net
> Quote: "Not within a thousand years will man ever fly!"
> -- Wilbur Wright, 1901
>
>

Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2001 19:26:41 -0500
From: "John Dorson" <jdorson@Worldshare.net>
To: <mel@euramcom.freemove.co.uk>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111052] Re: OT the (C)old country
Message-ID: <005701c168b5\$381edac0\$91629c40@atwork>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I wish we would have a little snow here in Florida...

----- Original Message -----

From: "Euramcom" <mel@euramcom.freeserve.co.uk>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2001 4:31 PM
Subject: OT the (C)old country

Hi gangue,

Looking out of shack at first snowfalls of winter here in Edinburgh Scotland.

Oh well, where did I put that design idea for a set of peltier underpants!

Regards

Mel

--72 and 73 de Mel Evans, e-mail mel@euramcom.freeserve.co.uk

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Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2001 19:29:01 -0500
From: "NZ8J" <timcook@erinet.com>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111053] FS: IC-735
Message-ID: <017901c168b5\$87ce5460\$6122fea9@nec>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

For sale IC-735, looks and works excellent .Just back from AVVID

electronics where it was completely realigned, the plastic trimmers were all replaced, and the battery replaced. Has the icom 250hz optional cw filter, a brand new Heil HMM-IC hand mike, and a Stone Mountain QSY'r remote keypad entry unit. The qsy'r really makes using this radio a pleasure to operate. Original box, manual, power cord. Can be adjusted internally so that the power contro lwill go from < 5W to 100 W. I will ship and insure the complete package in the conus for \$500. Please email if interested.. bought a new radio, that is why I am selling this one.. read the reviews at <http://www.eham.net/reviews/detail/381>

thanks
Tim
NZ8J

Date: Thu, 08 Nov 2001 16:30:49 -0800
From: David Shalita <davidr@cnmnetwork.com>
To: qrp-l <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111054] OT: Hp 400 e AC Voltmeter
Message-ID: <3BEB23B9.92FE3F7@cnmnetwork.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi,

To minimize QRP_L bandwidth, please reply direct to me.

I am thinking about adding a wide BW senstivie AC voltmeter to my QRP-L test equipment.

I recall reading some HAM[S] may be using an HP400E or similar AC Voltmeter for high sensitivity and wide BW RF measurements. I sure need a little info if possible.
The HP400E covering 10MHZ sounds very useful.

Does anyone know where on the net I can view the specs and accessories such as probes that are needed for this voltmeter? I think the BW is 10HZ to 10MHZ, but not sure.

It has been suggested to use an ordinary scope probe with the meter for the HF measurements. Is this pracitcal or do I need to buy a special probe for retaining calibration for HF measurements?

If I use a TEKTRONIX scope probe, say a 100MHZ 10X, how do I compensates the probe so the meter is calibrated for HF measurements. I can do some

comparison with my scope peak to peak measurements versus RMS meter readings.

Thank you for any help.

73, W6MIK, Dave

Date: Thu, 08 Nov 2001 19:58:41 -0500
From: Ronald Hands <ronald.hands@sympatico.ca>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111055] Re: FS:RS DSP
Message-ID: <3BEB2A41.901@sympatico.ca>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The Radio Shack DSP unit has been sold.

-- Ron VE3SP

Date: Thu, 08 Nov 2001 20:11:54 -0500
From: John Wagner <john@wagner-usa.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111056] 2n2-40 is living and breathing
Message-ID: <3BEB2D5A.E5E46A9B@wagner-usa.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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My 2n2-40 is alive and breathing. I haven't updated my website, but you can see the almost done rig at <http://www.qsl.net/kb1ens/2n2-40/>

I plan on using it in the QRP-L fox hunt this evening (and haven't built the RIT yet, so it should be interesting). Just to show you guys see how serious this rig is going to be for Fox hunting, I'm posting this previously unreleased picture:

<http://www.qsl.net/kb1ens/2n2-40/working-017.jpg>

It's got 5 of 'em on board, so look out when she goes off.

73 de John, N1Q0

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John Wagner - john@wagner-usa.net
Web page: <http://www.neknetwork.com>

Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2001 20:10:29 -0500
From: "Tom" <n1tp@worldnet.att.net>
To: "qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU" <QRP-L@LEHIGH.EDU>
Subject: [111057] Paddles Question
Message-ID: <004801c168bb\$52bee5e0\$d7984d0c@tom>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Here can be found paddles that
hold up under heavy usage.

See:

<http://www.qsl.net/k4qu/>]

Tom, N1TP
Naples, Florida

Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2001 20:21:27 EST
From: WE7X@aol.com
To: QRP-L@lehigh.edu
Subject: [111058] [Elmer 101] RF probe idea
Message-ID: <167.39732d2.291c8997@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
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I've made similar ones in retractable ball point pen casings. The ones which unscrew about half way down the body have plenty of room for a few passive components.

At work I have to test a lot of industrial 24 volt dc computer/PLC proximity and photoeye input and output circuits. Many of them will not supply enough current for a normal test lamp (30 to 100 ma is often the maximum it can supply without dropping the voltage to below a lower operational threshold), but I've built several voltage testers using a single LED and a resistor into a hollow stick pen body, with a half of a clip lead

for a ground connector. It is used daily as a simple "Power / No power" indicator.

Any little plastic or metal container will work. Got any of the metal film cans? Yeah, I know they are antiques now. Hobby shops have lots of sizes of brass tubing, and it solders very nicely.

Just try something! There are only about four connections to make.

Rod Johnson WE7X

Date: Thu, 08 Nov 2001 20:26:43 EST
From: n5ib@juno.com
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.edu
Subject: [111059] Troubleshooting - MFJ-9040
Message-ID: <20011108.192354.9167.0.n5ib@juno.com>

After-action report on the benchwork for a friend's MFJ-9040.

Symptoms: squeal in the audio, peak audio response at too high pitch, inability to set Tx offset

It appears that all problems had a common root cause. The BFO and the Tx mixer both use a SA602 with a 12 MHz crystal. A 10 uH molded inductor and a 70 pF trimcap are used to pull the crystals to align the BFO and the Tx offset.

In both circuits the trimcap was at the extreme minimum of its range, the BFO circuit would get unstable near that point, and the Tx offset just wouldn't move far enough.

After studying the circuit and referring to Paul Harden's QRP Databook, I changed both 10 uF inductors to 6.8 uF and that has moved the operating point up into a better part of the trimcaps' range. The BFO now tunes smoothly and I was able to use Spectrogram (and the NOSS noise generator) to get the IF passband centered around the desired CW pitch. The Tx offset also smoothly tuned to match that pitch.

Rig seems to be working fine now. It has already snagged two Truffles while on the bench and will try for a third tonight. My only real "disappointment" is that the IF filter seems pretty broad and the skirts are not very steep, but I guess that may be due to the relatively high IF chosen (12 MHz).

I'm not sure which is more fun - fixing 'em or operating :^))

72
Jim N5IB

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Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2001 20:22:25 -0500

From: "Lee Mairs" <lairs@cox.rr.com>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <grp-1@lehigh.edu>

Subject: [111060] Soldering Gear Query

Message-ID: <00f601c168bc\$ff1fd0a0\$6501a8c0@cox.rr.com>

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For thirty years I've used a Weller Controlled Output Soldering Station (Model W-TCP-L). It occurs to me that there may have been some major technical improvements over that time. Does anybody know of something that would be so much better that I could justify the expense?

73 de Lee, KM4YY

Life is a waste of time, time is a waste of life,
so get wasted all of the time and have the time of your life.

-- Anonymous

Date: Thu, 08 Nov 2001 17:52:05 -0800

From: "N7SG K7FD" <k7fd@hotmail.com>

To: grp-1@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [111061] OT: Looking for Gil Cartoon Book

Message-ID: <F1210wGBGklukx6F6dm000198fe@hotmail.com>

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

I'm in need of a good laugh! Does anyone have a copy of the ARRL's Gil Cartoon Book, an anthology of QST cartoons that they may wish to part with? I wrote the ARRL but they have none and it is out of print...

Thanks,

73 John K7FD

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Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2001 19:20:37 -0700
From: William R Colbert <w5xe@juno.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [111062] Re: OT the (C)old country
Message-ID: <20011108.192041.-194373.42.w5xe@juno.com>
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Mel, I went to the CamVista site and had a look at Waverly Bridge (well light) and along Princes St and they are damp but the weather indicator said 0 c with clearing skies. Guess not enough to stick today.

Thanks for the post and I will start checking more closely - nothing more beautiful than the castle or the Pentlands draped in snow.

73

Ray

"Politicians are like nappies. Both should be changed regularly -- and for the same reason"

"Scotsman - Scotsman's Diary 12/97"

Ray Colbert, W5XE, 00TC#3618, SOWP#1064M SOC#78
fp #111 ARCI-5784 NCT2R El Paso, (FAR WEST) TEXAS

Date: Fri, 09 Nov 2001 02:22:11 +0000
From: k8cz@att.net
To: fpqrp-l@mpna.com (The Pigs!), qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU (QRP-L)
Subject: [111063] Truffle 11/8/01
Message-ID:
<20011109022212.BGFR29594.mtiwmhc21.worldnet.att.net@webmail.worldnet.att.net>

Well in spite of my nerves and shaky fist, the Yaesu FT757 at 5 watts and the Butternut Vert did a fair to middlin' in tonight's hunt. Here are my results. QSL for anyone who needs a two way QRP for OH. Current

callbook address is ok.

AF4PS	559 FL	MAC	5W
K4ADI	559 SC	FRANK	5W
KB5KXF	559 TX	MIKE	5W
WV9N	559 OH	RANDY	5W
N1TP	559 FL	TOM	5W
WA8BXN	559 OH	MIKE	5W
W5USJ	559 TX	CHUCK	5W
AJ4AY	559 AL	JAY	5W
W0CH	559 MO	DAVE	5W
K0EVZ	559 ND	DOC	2W
N10DL	579 MA	ARON	5W
W2XN	559 FL	ED	5W
K3NG	55N PA	GOODY	5W

Great going guys.

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73,72, 00
FP #41 Fists #2360 ARCI #9606
Norcal ARRL
Hamilton, Ohio
EM79ri
Tom, K8CZ

Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2001 21:39:22 -0500
From: Doc <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
To: "\"Low Power Amateur Radio" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Cc: ")W.D.(Doc)Lindsey/K0EVZ" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
Subject: [111064] FOXes spotted *tonight* :-)
Message-ID: <200111082139_MC3-E637-D567@compuserve.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Disposition: inline

Gang:

Both FOXes are out and running, with loud signals here in Bismarck. Steve
N0TU is spot on 7.041.14 and about 589 here. Ron N8VAR is on 7.045.63. =

Both are listening up, and tuning their receivers around a bit.

Band sounds pretty good tonight, and there is minimal QRM near both hunts=
. =

This will be a great night to bag some pelts. Good luck, everyone.

73,
--Doc/K0EVZ

Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2001 18:56:04 -0800 (PST)
From: Ken Hanks <ken_k1xs@yahoo.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111065] Smallest Transistor
Message-ID: <20011109025604.99019.qmail@web21003.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Scientists at Bell Labs have developed a transistor
from a single molecule:

<http://www.cnn.com/2001/TECH/ptech/11/08/tiny.transistors.ap/index.html>

=====
Ken Hanks K1XS

QRP-L #494 ARCI #9587
K1XS@arrl.net

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Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2001 22:04:15 -0500
From: "Kevin M." <adverseyaw@twmi.rr.com>
To: <lmairs@cox.rr.com>
Cc: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111066] Re: Soldering Gear Query
Message-ID: <009c01c168cb\$374b8330\$1a751d41@magnus>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Lee,

I just picked up a WES50, variable temperature ESD soldering station from Active electronics. It is on sale for 99.97. I had seen them for about 130. Figured I would get it while it was on sale as I was using an old Ungar 35W soldering pencil for the past 20 years. (damn, has it been that long?).

Kevin, KC8SFJ

----- Original Message -----

From: "Lee Mairs" <lmairs@cox.rr.com>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2001 8:22 PM

Subject: Soldering Gear Query

> For thirty years I've used a Weller Controlled Output Soldering Station
> (Model W-TCP-L). It occurs to me that there may have been some major
> technical improvements over that time. Does anybody know of something
> that

> would be so much better that I could justify the expense?

> 73 de Lee, KM4YY

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> Life is a waste of time, time is a waste of life,

> so get wasted all of the time and have the time of your life.

> -- Anonymous

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>

>

Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2001 22:05:14 -0500

From: "Larry Przyborowski" <k3peg@yahoo.com>

To: <ae5x@qsl.net>,

"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>

Subject: [111067] Re: Current issue of CQ Magazine - anyone?

Message-ID: <006501c168cb\$6264af60\$fd682518@longhill11.md.home.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;

charset="iso-8859-1"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi! I don't have CQ mag, but try this:

<http://www.fourmilab.ch/earthview/vplanet.html>

BTW, I found this by typing, "view of earth from moon" into Google.com's search.

73, Larry

> This month's issue of CQ has an article on 80m DXing and the full moon
> (seriously!). The article mentions a link to a web site that gives a view
of
> the Earth from the moon's point of view. If someone could forward that
link
> to me, I'd be eternally grateful!
>
> Thanks and 73,
>
> John Harper AE5X

Do You Yahoo!?

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Date: Thu, 08 Nov 2001 22:38:59 -0500
From: Fred Lesnick <flesnick@tbaytel.net>
To: QRP Canada <qrp-canada@neale.gpfn.sk.ca>, QRPL <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111068] Nabbed Both Foxiis tonight
Message-ID: <3BEB4FD3.5DC4E45A@tbaytel.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Well what a great night, came home from our local radio club meeting at 0300 z, and turned the radio on, and was able to work both Steve and Ron in 15 minutes.

Go Raiders.

Fred
VE3FAL

Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2001 22:44:10 -0500
From: "George Heron N2APB" <n2apb@erols.com>

To: "NoVAQRP" <NoVaQRP@topica.com>, "EPAQRP" <epaqrp-1@lehigh.edu>,
"QRP-L" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>, "NJQRP" <njqrp@njqrp.org>
Subject: [111069] FS: radio estate gear
Message-ID: <001501c168d0\$cc7c77c0\$3ac53ad0@GHLTP4>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

We only announced it once before that the NJQRP Club is handling the rather sizable estate sale of a local Silent Key. Since then, about half the pieces of equipment were sold .. but half are still available!

So if you're starting to look for a holiday gift for that special someone in your life (and it really could be you :-), you owe it to yourself to look over the list at <http://www.njqrp.org/estatesale/> . Descriptions, photos and prices are all shown there.

As I glance over at the table with all the gear on it, I see numerous pieces that would likely be of interest to members of the QRP lists ...

- Ten-Tec Argonaut 509 QRP transceiver
- Collins KWM-2 transceiver & 4 matching accessories
- 2 vintage Hallicrafters receivers (who was recently looking for a general coverage Rx?)
- an Alinco 2-band HT
- Kenwood TS-120S transceiver & matching PS
- Heathkit SB-220 linear amp
- NorCal 20 QRP transceiver
- Super Antennas PW-1 portable antenna
- Vibroplex Iambic Deluxe Paddles
- bunches of heath & MFJ accessories & test gear
- several good Astatic mics (did you see the Circuit Cellar article this issue on building a preamp?)
- a couple of 12V power supplies
- and a really nice, portable, 5" Celestron telescope with computer tracking

Prices are reasonable and most of the equipment is in good shape.

Hope you find something there you like. All proceeds go to the SK's widow.

Thanks & 73,

--George N2APB
n2apb@amsat.org

Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2001 22:49:50 -0500
From: "George Heron N2APB" <n2apb@erols.com>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [111070] Looking for Circad SMD layout [QRP-related]
Message-ID: <001d01c168d1\$97568d50\$3ac53ad0@GHLTP4>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Wonder if any Circad users know where to obtain a 64 pin PQFP component layout. Not the 1-mil pitch that's in the standard Circad package, but the one with 16 pins on a side.

It's for a Motorola 68HC908AB microcontroller-based QRP project that will be getting lots of visibility shortly. Can't say any more just yet.

Thanks.

73, George N2APB
n2apb@amsat.org

Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2001 20:53:37 -0700
From: "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111071] FOX I think I got them both..
Message-ID: <016801c168d2\$1d54eb90\$6401a8c0@c919125b>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Steve was no problem, he is only 100ish mi away. But, Ron's another story, his sig was more like 449 439, without the SSB QRM. I clearly heard my call and Rons exchange, I gave mine, when I listened for the QSL, all I heard were people talking Spanish. :-0

The moral of the story is Foxii needs to check his/her TX frequency every so often to see if it's clear! Hope I remember that when it's my turn next week...GULP. ;-)

73, Rod N0RC
Ft Collins, CO

Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2001 22:58:35 -0500
From: Bob Schreibmaier <k3ph@dxis.monroe.pa.us>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [111072] Re: FOXes spotted *tonight* :-)
Message-ID: <20011108225835.A9934@dxis.monroe.pa.us>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Disposition: inline

Hey Gang,

On Thu, Nov 08, 2001 at 09:39:22PM -0500, Doc wrote:
> Both FOXes are out and running, with loud signals here in Bismarck. Stev=
> e
> N0TU is spot on 7.041.14 and about 589 here. Ron N8VAR is on 7.045.63. =

My first try at a fox hunt and I must say these guys seem
to be doing very well. Steve sounds pretty good out here in
the West End of the Poconos. And, Ron, you are LOUD here!

72,
Bob

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+----- \- \- \- \- -----+
| Bob Schreibmaier K3PH | E-mail: k3ph@dxis.monroe.pa.us |
| Kresgeville, PA 18333 | http://www.qsl.net/k3ph |
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Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2001 22:18:32 -0600
From: Todd Enders <enders@bolshoi.cc.misu.nodak.edu>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [111073] Fox -- Not My Night...
Message-ID: <200111090418.AA00876@bolshoi.cc.misu.nodak.edu>
Content-Type: text/plain
Mime-Version: 1.0 (NeXT Mail 4.2mach_patches v148.2)

Due to unforeseen circumstances, I only made it for the last 15-20
minutes of the hunt. Spent most of that trying to hit Steve, but no joy.
I found Ron in the middle of some SSB QRM, just in time to hear him
send "that's all".

Time to check my antenna system to see what gives. Added 20-odd new radials to the mix, and seem to be getting out *worse* than I had been before. Head scratching time... :-/

72/73,

Todd, AG0T

Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2001 22:26:39 -0600
From: Nick Kennedy <nkennedy@tcainternet.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111074] RE: Reciprocity (with a c)
Message-ID: <01C168A4.70116D00.nkennedy@tcainternet.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

A little late for Halloween--The Thread That Wouldn't Die!!!!

-----Original Message-----

From: George, W5YR [SMTP:w5yr@att.net]
. . .

>The problem is that the hams have borrowed the notion ...

I'm sort of seeing the opposite thing, George. I'm hearing about reciprocity from engineers and hearing, "there's that old one-way skip again" from hams and CBers.

>Then move Karl in NM antenna rig
>and all to DC where Karl II was and vice versa.

I think you're making it too complicated. One description I read of reciprocity (I think it was from Roy Lewallen) said just swap the source and detector and see if you have the same attenuation in the reverse direction.. In ham terms, that just means the guys on each end need to operate their T/R switches. Which is something we do all the time without even thinking about it.

>The idea of independent additive noise sources at each end that are
>uncorrelated and are not present in the channel pretty well defeats any
>notion of reciprocity.

Once again, I don't think reciprocity states that locally detected noise on the two ends will be equal. Just that the signal strength will.

72--Nick, WA5BDU

Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2001 21:34:19 -0700
From: "Steve/n0tu" <n0tu@webaccess.net>
To: "QRP-L" <QRP-L@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [111075] Great CNDX for CO FOX (n0tu)
Message-ID: <002b01c168d7\$ccd5b720\$6a211d82@cos.agilent.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

This FOX is pooped!

Looks like ~120 of you hounds made this FOX's log ...now if I can just read my own pencil paw scratchin'

Sure was fun trying to pull you all through the din of the pile up. Had to tune off that huge pile several times to snatch some strays out in the clear just to give my ears and filter a rest! My K2's filter was on the verge of a melt down!

And then there's ole sneaky Doc who sends his call real slow ...K 0 E
V Zso as it bleeds through the blurr of fast calls ...pretty clever Doc! It stood out against the wall the QRM like a a neon sign.

FUN time was had by this FOX! Sorry I couldn't grab all who tried ...cndx at the end were getting noisy and QSBY. A sincere THANKS to all who tried and too all a good night! LOG in the AM! ZZzzzz z. Steve/n0tu

Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2001 22:45:35 -0600 (CST)
From: Bruce Rattray <rattray@gpfn.sk.ca>
To: QRP-Canada <qrp-canada@neale.gpfn.sk.ca>,
Low Power Group <qrp-l@LeHigh.EDU>
Subject: [111076] Fox - 40 mtr Fox Hunt Teams - Final Lineup -
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0111082244280.24067-100000@neale.gpfn.sk.ca>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I wonder which one of these Teams will have their names & calls
engraved on the beautiful plaque?...Good luck to all the Teams!...

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|--|--|
| (1) - The Cajun Thunder (Gold) -
Wayne - K5E0A
Jim - N5IB
Vern - AA50
Tom - AC5JH
Wayne - N5YFC | (2) - The Cajun Thunder (Purple) -
David - W5XU
Michael - KD5MLD
Bob - AB5ZD
Gloria - WD5CMA
Mike VI - W5YW |
| (3) - The Cheeseheads -
Jerry - N9AW
Rick - NK9G
Jim - WA9TZE
Lon - W9XU
Glenn - WE9K | (4) - The Fox Terrors -
Tom - KV2X
Eric - NM5M
Tod - AG0T
Conard - WS4S
Bob - N6WG |
| (5) - The Kentucky Coon Dawgs -
Tony - KB9YIG
Randy - W9HL
Dave - NU4N
Bill - N4ALG
Pete - NV4V | (6) - The NE-TX Tornados -
George - W5YR
Don - K5DW
Chuck - W5USJ
George - KR5C
Mike - KD5KXF |
| (7) - The Prairie Dawgs -
Doc - W5TB
Craig - VE4WI
ET - N1FN
Jeff - VA3JFF
Dick - AB0CD | (8) - The Raiders of the Lost RF -
Earl - VA6RF
Fred - VE3FAL
Rob - VE6JAZ
Dan - VE6EX
Bruce - VE5RC |
| (9) - The Swamp Rats -
Paul - K4FB
Jack - K4BYF
Tom - N1TP
Mac - AF4PS
Doc - K0EVZ | (10) - The Underdogs -
Dan - N4ROA
Dave - W0CH
Randy - K7TQ
Art - KB7WW
Ron - KI0II |

.72/73 - Bruce (VE5RC+VE5QRP) QRP-C#1 QRP-L#886 ARCI#9683 Zombie#272
A-1 Operator Club - 10/10# 944 - QRP Borg#1 - Whiner#10 -
- VE5QRP SOC#11 - VE5RC SOC#12 - oo#148 - K2#2032 -
"QRP! How sweet it is!" "I am da man wit "DAH" paddle!"

Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2001 23:08:41 -0700
From: "Marshall Emm" <mgemm@mtechnologies.com>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [111077] FOX: Results after Week Two
Message-ID: <3BEB1079.11481.120CFA@localhost>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT
Content-description: Mail message body

Now that the teams have been finalized, the logs have been processed and the results after Hunt
4 (week 2) have been posted at <http://www.cqc.org/fox> .

73
Marshall Emm
N1FN/VK5FN
n1fn@MorseX.com
Morse Express and Oak Hills Research
"Everything for the Morse Enthusiast"
<http://www.MorseX.com>
<http://www.ohr.com>
(303)752-3382
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Date: Fri, 09 Nov 2001 02:40:05 -0500
From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: n5ib@juno.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [111078] Re: Troubleshooting - MFJ-9040
Message-ID: <3BEB8855.E0996675@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Before any of you get the wrong idea, an inductor is specified as uH,
not uF!

73!

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> After studying the circuit and referring to Paul Harden's QRP Databook, I
> changed both 10 uF inductors to 6.8 uF and that has moved the operating
>

Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 05:17:41 -0700 (MST)
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
To: Todd Enders <enders@bolshoi.cc.misu.nodak.edu>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111079] Re: Fox -- Not My Night...
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0111090506030.1177-100000@cannac.fun>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi Todd, you were just a bit late I think. My 1/4 wave Butternut vertical
worked fine. I got Steve with about the first call. Just found where the
Fox was, the pieup, and went 500 Hz farther.

Then tried that on Ron in Ohio. I tried it all evening. He was s4 and he
had plenty of w0 and w9 stations that were s9. I heard other hounds work
Ron on exactly the frequency I was madly calling on. Ron did not hear me
at all. But that isn't my antenna's fault. That is propogation and/or I am
off the end of his wire.

You were just late. If you have a MFJ antenna analyzer measure the
impedance of your vertical at resonance. If it's lower than 50 ohms your
ground is probably ok. If it's above 50 ohms then the radials may not be
doing the job. I use 4 radials tuned to 40 meters. The vertical is on the
roof and so are the radials. I get r=35 ohms at resonance at 7.050 MHz.
SWR = 2-1. Love it!

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> minutes of the hunt. Spent most of that trying to hit Steve, but no joy.
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>
> 72/73,
>
> Todd, AG0T
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>

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Yours Truly,

- Karl F. Larsen, k5di@arrl.net (505) 524-3303 -
http://www.qsl.net/k5di/

Date: Fri, 09 Nov 2001 07:39:12 EST
From: n5ib@juno.com
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.edu
Subject: [111080] Re: Troubleshooting - MFJ-9040
Message-ID: <20011109.063617.4639.0.n5ib@juno.com>

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>> changed both 10 uF inductors to 6.8 uF and that has moved the
operating

ooops!! very red-faced, sheepish grin :^))

72
Jim N5IB

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Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 06:09:22 -0700 (MST)
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [111081] FOX: Cub Fox Hunt frequency move
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0111090559140.1454-100000@cannac.fun>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Experiencing over 2 hunts has proven that the old Novice Sub-band is taken over by Broadcasters not running QRP. The modern slow CW Ham has a General or higher license obtained by passing a 5 wpm code test.

So the third and subsequent Cub Fox Hunts will be conducted in the 7.030 - 7.050 MHz window which Ron discovered last night includes the Mexican Ranch Radio Service QR0.

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Yours Truly,

- Karl F. Larsen, k5di@arrl.net (505) 524-3303 -
<http://www.qsl.net/k5di/>

Date: Fri, 09 Nov 2001 08:18:18 -0500
From: Alex <kr1st@amsat.org>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111082] Working Japan
Message-ID: <3BEBD79A.5ABB374C@amsat.org>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Hi there,

With the Japan DX contest coming up, I thought that this may be my best chance to work Japan. I've only been on HF for a couple of months now so I have no experience and don't even know if my 5 Watts would even make it there. Can anyone tell me what would be the best time of the day and band to work Japan from the East Coast?

Perhaps someone could point me in the right direction where I could find this kind of information. I downloaded some propagation software and I'm reading some articles, but the contest is probably over by the time I

finally grasp the meaning of it all.

Thanks and 73,
--Alex

Date: Fri, 09 Nov 2001 13:09:21 +0000
From: k8cz@att.net
To: "Fred Kalt" <w2xn@worldnet.att.net>
Cc: fpqrp-1@mpna.com (The Pigs!), qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU (QRP-L)
Subject: [111083] Re: Truffle 11/8/01
Message-ID:
<20011109130922.QRBQ4964.mtiwmhc26.worldnet.att.net@webmail.worldnet.att.net>

Sorry, the FR must have been down in the QSB. Thanks for
the correction and we'll fix it in my permanent log.

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73,72, 00
FP #41 Fists #2360 ARCI #9606
Norcal ARRL
Hamilton, Ohio
EM79ri
Tom, K8CZ
> Tom,
>
> the 2nd to last on the Truffle listing reads name as "Ed",
>
> should be "Fred"
>
> Thanks,
>
> Fred w2xn
> Lakeland FL
>

Date: Fri, 09 Nov 2001 08:07:09 -0500
From: Joseph Mikuckis <k3chp@erols.com>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [111084] QQ
Message-ID: <3BEBD4FD.73D9@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Has anyone received the October issue of QRP Quarterly?

Joe, K3CHP

Date: Fri, 09 Nov 2001 13:24:02 +0000
From: k8cz@att.net
To: k8cz@att.net
Cc: fpqrp-1@mpna.com (The Pigs!), qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU (QRP-L)
Subject: [111085] Re: [fpqrp] Truffle 11/8/01 ver. 1.1
Message-ID:
<20011109132402.HTMA29594.mtiwmhc21.worldnet.att.net@webmail.worldnet.att.net>

OK, made some mistakes so here is the corrected log.

AF4PS	559 FL	MAC	5W gud cu agn om
K4ADI	559 SC	FRANK	5W a new 1 for me
KD5KXF	559 TX	MIKE	5W glad to return favor
WV9N	559 OH	RANDY	5W rite in the old bk yd
N1TP	559 FL	TOM	5W gotcha 2nd try
WA8BXN	559 OH	MIKE	5W fellow buckeye
W5USJ	559 TX	CHUCK	5W agn new one
AJ4AY	559 AL	JAY	5W tn timer agn for the WAS
W0CH	559 MO	DAVE	5W 3rd new piggie 4 me
K0EVZ	559 ND	DOC	2W grt job wid the loop
N10DL	579 NH	ARON	5W gud job Aron
W2XN	559 FL	FRED	5W 'nother new one
K3NG	55N PA	GOODY	5W yet another

Had a terrific time. We'll be doing this again.

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73,72, 00
FP #41 Fists #2360 ARCI #9606
Norcal ARRL
Hamilton, Ohio
EM79ri
Tom, K8CZ

Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 06:32:19 -0700 (MST)
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
To: Alex <kr1st@amsat.org>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [111086] Re: Working Japan
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0111090624280.1512-100000@cannac.fun>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

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Yours Truly,

- Karl F. Larsen, k5di@arrl.net (505) 524-3303 -
<http://www.qsl.net/k5di/>

Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 08:49:18 -0500
From: "Brian" <brian@iquest.net>
To: <k5di@zianet.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111087] Re: Cub Fox Hunt frequency move
Message-ID: <006301c16925\$5491c3f0\$3d05080a@cincom.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Karl,

Ummmm...as one of the Novice/Tech Foxes back in 1998, I really appreciated the opportunity to participate in a Fox hunt in the Novice bands as well as being a fox. The 40m Novice band is a rough area to learn your skills, but I got 44 states up there.

How many Novice/Tech foxes do we have? Will the current group of Cub Foxes have the ticket for lower band ops? Perhaps, we have no Tech+ or Novice foxes...I don't know.

What I do know is that I am a General ticket holder and I need to upgrade. So back to the books.

73

----- Original Message -----
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2001 8:09 AM
Subject: FOX: Cub Fox Hunt frequency move

>
> Experiance over 2 hunts has proven that the old Novice Sub-band is
> taken over by Broadcasters not running QRP. The modern slow CW Ham has a
> General or higher license obtained by passing a 5 wpm code test.
>
> So the third and subsequent Cub Fox Hunts will be conducted in the
> 7.030 - 7.050 MHz window which Ron discovered last night includes the
> Mexican Ranch Radio Service QRO.
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Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 08:51:07 -0500
From: "Ken Simpson, W8EK" <W8EK@fdt.net>
To: "QRP List" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [111088] J-12 CW key FS
Message-ID: <016d01c16925\$96821b20\$4991d4d1@toshiba>

For Sale:

World War II vintage J-12 straight key.
I am guessing on the vintage, but it must be somewhere
in that era - maybe earlier. It matches pictures that I
have found, indicating that it is a J-12. Includes cotton
covered cord. The fact it is cotton covered says
something about its vintage. \$ 40 plus shipping from Florida.

Thanks.

73,

Ken, W8EK

Ken Simpson
E-mail to W8EK@fdt.net or W8EK@yahoo.com
Voice Phone (352) 732-8400

Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 08:50:58 -0500

From: "Brian" <brian@iquest.net>
To: <k5di@zianet.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111089] Re: Working Japan
Message-ID: <007001c16925\$8f9d6d50\$3d05080a@cincom.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
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Date: Fri, 09 Nov 2001 08:57:10 -0500
From: John Wagner <john@wagner-usa.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111090] FOXLESS
Message-ID: <3BEBE0B6.4EA6827B@wagner-usa.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Heard Ron quite well on the freshly minted and running barefoot 2n2-40.
Since I have no RIT yet I tried to tune as far up from him as possible
and call. I was hopefully about 300hz higher then he was. Next week I'll
have the RIT finished and it won't be a problem.

Never got him though. Didn't hear a peep from the other fox. Heard a lot
of familiar calls; N1TP, KC1FB were both calling and pelting and others
that were loud here as always. Thought I heard Dave, W0CH in there.
Heard Ron give K0EVZ a pelt but never heard Doc.

Glad to see the Cub hunt is moving down to the regular fox woods. Deer
season starts Sat here in VT and I'll be out in the woods as much as

possible. Be inside and warm at night huntin' foxii on Tues and Thurs though!

73 de John, N1Q0

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John Wagner - john@wagner-usa.net

Web page: <http://www.neknetwork.com>

Date: Fri, 09 Nov 2001 08:01:54 -0600
From: Steve Yates - AA5TB <aa5tb@arrl.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111091] Re: Working Japan
Message-ID: <001201c16927\$173254a0\$a8703ed8@pavilion>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Hi Alex,

It is generally easy to work Japan at QRP levels since many Japanese have large antennas. Like Karl said, 10m is a very good band for Japan in the evenings during this season and part of the sun spot cycle, at least here in Texas. I find it even easier on 40m at my sunrise. Generally the path is enhanced along the gray line path. I use a free program called Azmap that helps to show when the ideal gray line paths occur. Basically, for DX if one or both ends of the path are near the terminator (sunrise or sunset), the signals will be greatly enhanced. Information about Azmap can be found at:

<http://pw1.netcom.com/~burtonpt/azmap.htm>

An interesting example of gray line propagation can be heard by listening to "All India Radio" on 10.330 MHz, just above 30m. Here in Texas I can detect their carrier just about 24 hours a day (except for when they are off the air) but twice a day at sunrise and sunset their signal peaks very strong. This broadcast is meant to be for domestic (Indian) use so it is surprising to hear how good of a path to India there is on 30m!

73,

Steve Yates - AA5TB
Fort Worth, TX - EM12gs
<http://www.geocities.com/aa5tb>
aa5tb@arrl.net

Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 07:04:12 -0700 (MST)
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
To: Brian <brian@iquest.net>
Cc: <k5di@zianet.com>,
Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111092] Re: Working Japan
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0111090703390.1558-1000000@cannac.fun>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Try this url:

<http://www.ncdxf.org/beacon.htm>

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Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 09:08:31 -0500
From: "Ken Simpson, W8EK" <W8EK@fdt.net>
To: "QRP List" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [111093] Autek audio filter FS
Message-ID: <01a901c16928\$045e9400\$4991d4d1@toshiba>

For Sale:

Autek QF-1

This is an audio filter that goes between your rig and speaker. It runs off of 110 V AC, and will peak, notch, or become a low pass filter. Selectivity (bandwidth) and frequency are adjustable from the front panel. The input is a 1/4 inch phone plug, and the output is a 1/4 inch jack on the front panel. This particular unit looks very close to new, and works the same. \$ 35 plus shipping from Florida.

Thanks.

73,

Ken, W8EK

Ken Simpson

E-mail to W8EK@fdt.net or W8EK@yahoo.com

Voice Phone (352) 732-8400

Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 09:30:25 -0500
From: "Lau, Zack, W1VT" <z1au@arrl.org>
To: "'qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU'" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111094] Re: Working Japan
Message-ID: <125490A005E3D3118C9C00805FC743CC027E3024@KAHLESS>

MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"

JA6PA 29SEP2001 2201UTC 21MHz
JG1RVN 29APR2001 2248 21MHz
I exchanged cards with both of them
Zack W1VT Newington CT

Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 08:11:21 -0700
From: "Steve/n0tu" <n0tu@webaccess.net>
To: "QRP-L" <QRP-L@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [111095] FOX # 5 = 114 pelts
Message-ID: <022201c16930\$cb479fa0\$6a211d82@cos.agilent.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hounds,

It was a productive evening >114 Qs< !!!!!!! my best ever. TU!

First hour was HOT w/lots of great sigs and excellent cndx! I had several good strings going then it all sounded like one big mess! So I moved a lil to try to spread out the pile. Jumped around a little too which worked at keeping some holes for lucky hounds to pop through. You were all great! Most everyone waited their turn and gave the other guy a clean freq for his exchange! KUDOS! THANK YOU for ur excellent manners!!

Thanks for putting up w/my fist which wasn't working at times! All manual operation here including the logging. I think I'm gonna look into a memory keyer and maybe a logger. Transcribing the log takes longer than being a FOX for 2hrs!!! I guess the operating is more FUN than the paper work.(duh!)

My log needs ur HELP!send ur corrections ASAP.

Steve/n0tu

FOX HUNT NUMBER 5 Nov.9, 2001

UTC CALL RPT(rc'd) State Name PWR

0201 KK5LD 559 TX Dan 5W

0202 AA7XA 559 OR Fred 5W
0203 W0CH 559 MO Dave 5W
0204 NQ7X 559 AZ Floyd 5W
0205 K7FD 559 OR John 5W
0205 K0FRP 579 CO Al 5W
0206 W7ILW 559 AZ Walt 5W
0207 K7TQ 559 ID Randy 5W
0208 N4ROA 559 VA Dan 5W
0209 N1FN 559 CO Et 5W
0209 VE6EX 559 AB Dan 5W
0210 WE9K 559 IL Glenn 5W
0211 NK6A 559 CA Don 5W
0212 KI0II 599 CO Ron 1W
0212 W9UQB/7 559 AZ Mike 5w
0213 VE6JAZ 559 ? Bob 5W
0214 W9HL 559 IL Randy 5W
0216 K5LN 559 TX Bill 5W
0217 K6VNX 559 CA Arlen 5W
0218 K7WW 559 OR Art 5W
0218 K0EVZ 589 ND Doc 2w
0219 N0TK 579 CO Dan 5w
0220 N0AR 579 MN Scott 5w
0221 N6GW 559 CA Bob 5W
0222 N5UW 579 OK Clif 5W
0223 AA50 559 LA Vern 5W
0223 K8CV 559 MI Walt 5W
0224 K5DI 599 NM Karl 5W
0225 N1TP 559 FL Tom 3W
0226 AC6UV 559 CA Goudy 5W
0227 W6KI 559 CA Glen 5W
0228 N3BJ 559 VA Alan 5W
0229 N7TX 579 TX Steve 5W
0230 KB9YIG 569 IN T0ny 5W
0231 K5ZTY 559 TX Bill 5W
0232 K5OI 559 OK Tim 5w
0233 K3PH 579 PA Bob 5w
0234 W5OHL 599 OK Jim 5w
0235 W8VJW 559 MI John 5w
0237 N3ZPQ 559 OH Frank 5w
0239 K4ADI 559 SC Frank 5w
0240 W5USJ 559 TX Chuck 5w
0241 W0UFO 559 MN Mert 5w
0241 K4TJD 559 GA Tom 5w
0242 VE5RC 559 SK Bruce 5w
0243 AB0CD 559 Dick CO 5w
0245 W5TB 559 TX Doc 5W
0246 N9IJ 589 IL Len 5w
0247 N5IB 559 LA Jim 5W

0248 KE6RS 559 CA Ron 5W
0249 K3IU 559 ? Ken 5w
0250 KR5C 579 TX George 5W
0251 WA9TZE 559 IL Jim 5W
0252 K5DW 559 TX Don 5W
0253 KC1FOG 559 CT Jim 5W
0253 K5JHP 559 TX BILL 5W
0254 N0DSP 559 CO TOM 5W
0255 K9IS 559 WI STEVE 5W
0256 N0UR 579 MN JIM 5W
0257 AA4LR 579 GA BILL 5W
0258 KV4EE 559 SC CRAIG 5W
0259 K9WIS 559 WI BRIAN 1W
0300 KJ0C 589 MO JIM 5W
0301 N9AW 559 WI JERRY 5W
0302 AF4GS 559 FL MAC 3W
0303 N4MAJ 559 GA SAM 4W
0304 N07K 559 AZ MIKE 5W
0305 KD5KXF 559 TX MIKE 5W
0306 K8KFJ 559 WV GARY 5W
0307 K4FB 569 FL PAUL 5W
0307 W9XU 559 WI LON 5W
0308 N0RC 599 CO ROD 5W
0308 AF4PP 559 GA CHUCK 5W
0309 NK9G 559 WI RICK 5W
0310 W0PWE 559 IA JERRY 5W
0311 VA6RF 559 AB EARL 5W
0312 WV9N 559 OH RANDY 5W
0313 AD6JV 559 CA BILL 5W
0314 VE3FAL 579 ON FRED 5W
0315 KB9LGJ 559 CA TIM 5W
0316 KC0ATC 559 CO CHRIS 3W
0317 NU4N 559 KY DAVE 5W
0318 N3WU 559 CO LARRY 5W
0319 WA7LNW 559 UT JACK 5W
0320 N5YSM 559 TX ERIC 5W
0321 WA8BXN 559 OH MIKE 5W
0322 K3KD 559 TX DAVE 5W
0323 VA3JFF 559 QC JEFF 2W
0324 VE4WI 559 MB CRAIG 5W
0325 AA7EQ 559 AZ BOB 5W
0326 KV2X 559 NY TOM 5W
0327 K5EJA 559 AZ WAYNE 4W
0329 KG4LDY 559 VA JIM 5W
0330 NX8C 559 OH NEIL 5W
0332 W2XN 559 FL FRED 5W
0334 AB5XQ 559 AR BILL 5W
0335 K4FYL 559 FL JACK 5W

0337 K7EL 559 OR DAVE 5W
0338 WD5CMA 559 LA GLORIA 5W
0339 AJ4AY 559 LA JAY 5W
0340 W5YW 559 LA MIKE 5W
0342 N0HRL 559 MN KEN 5W
0343 KG6CYN 559 CA TREV 5W
0344 W8RU 599 MI RON 5W
0345 N5WL 559 OK BART 5W
0347 NQ7T 559 UT GARY 5W
0349 WB5WTU 559 OH DENNIS 5W
0350 KB1BXC 559 CT MIKE 5W
0351 K3NG 559 PA GOODY 5W
0352 N5EN 559 TX STEVE 5W
0354 N2LO 559 NJ BOB 5W
0355 K5BGB 579 TX ROD 5W
0356 N9WW 599 IL JIM 5W
0358 KQ5U 599 TX TERRY 5W

Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 10:26:28 -0500
From: Bill Coleman <aa4lr@arrl.net>
To: <n7dma@mindspring.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111096] Re: Re QRL? or didit dit
Message-ID: <1011009102629.KAA15549@gate.iterated.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"

On 11/3/01 6:08 PM, n7dma@mindspring.com at n7dma@mindspring.com wrote:

>I almost always check the frequency with the old telegraph didit dit in
>lieu of QRL. I thought most people didn't remember that. Thank you!

Didit dit is the old American Morse letter "C". I'm not sure what it
originally signified in this context.

There aren't many American Morse operators around these days. I haven't
heard didit dit used on the air in the last 10 years. I have heard QRL?
plenty of times.

Bill Coleman, AA4LR, PP-ASEL

Mail: aa4lr@arrl.net

Quote: "Not within a thousand years will man ever fly!"
-- Wilbur Wright, 1901

Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 10:28:45 -0500
From: Bill Coleman <aa4lr@arrl.net>
To: <pwomble1@tampabay.rr.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111097] Re: R7 Vertical
Message-ID: <1011009102846.KAA15721@gate.iterated.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"

On 10/29/01 6:24 PM, Paul Womble at pwomble1@tampabay.rr.com wrote:

>I've already replaced the rivets and applied epoxy. A set of guys made
>from lightweight rope will also be used...despite what Cushcraft
>recommends.

I dunno, Paul. I have an R7000, and it's really such a small antenna,
wind-wise, that I don't see much of any benefit in guying it.

Now, if you have the 80m option, that significantly extends the length of
the antenna, and it requires some lightweight guys.

Maybe it can't hurt (so long as the guys aren't conductive), but it seems
like a lot of trouble.

Bill Coleman, AA4LR, PP-ASEL Mail: aa4lr@arrl.net
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Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 07:42:02 -0800
From: "Trevor Jacobs" <fxtech@earthlink.net>
To: <k5di@zianet.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [111098] Re: Fox -- Not My Night...
Message-ID: <003201c16935\$14ac3da0\$d9e3b3d1@tjacobs>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Karl,

You were running a 579 to a 599 here in Burbank. That Vertical's doing a FB job! I heard you calling over and over, as I was doing the same, Hi! I was having local electrical noise, so was making RX a bit difficult on Ron's signal, but I heard him in there. Didn't bag Ron, but did get Steve! Boy Steve, you made out great, 114 hounds! Way to go...too much fun!

72/73's

Trev

KG6CYN

----- Original Message -----

From: Karl F. Larsen <k5di@zianet.com>

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Friday, November 09, 2001 4:17 AM

Subject: Re: Fox -- Not My Night...

>

> Hi Todd, you were just a bit late I think. My 1/4 wave Butternut vertical

> worked fine. I got Steve with about the first call. Just found where the

> Fox was, the pieup, and went 500 Hz farther.

>

> Then tried that on Ron in Ohio. I tried it all evening. He was s4 and he

> had plenty of w0 and w9 stations that were s9. I heard other hounds work

> Ron on exactly the frequency I was madly calling on. Ron did not hear me

> at all. But that isn't my antenna's fault. That is propogation and/or I am

> off the end of his wire.

>

> You were just late. If you have a MFJ antenna analyzer measure the

> impedance of your vertical at resonance. If it's lower than 50 ohms your

> ground is probably ok. If it's above 50 ohms then the radials may not be

> doing the job. I use 4 radials tuned to 40 meters. The vertical is on the

> roof and so are the radials. I get r=35 ohms at resonance at 7.050 MHz.

> SWR = 2-1. Love it!

>
> On Thu, 8 Nov 2001, Todd Enders wrote:
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> >
> > Due to unforeseen circumstances, I only made it for the last 15-20
> > minutes of the hunt. Spent most of that trying to hit Steve, but no
> joy.
> > I found Ron in the middle of some SSB QRM, just in time to hear him
> > send "that's all".
> >
> > Time to check my antenna system to see what gives. Added
> > 20-odd new radials to the mix, and seem to be getting out *worse*
> > than I had been before. Head scratching time... :-/
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Date: Fri, 09 Nov 2001 10:45:25 -0500
From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: kr1st@amsat.org
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [111099] Re: Working Japan
Message-ID: <3BEBFA15.9E1B62@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Alex,

Your 5 watts are plenty.

First look in the time zone charts and see when the Japanese operators are likely to be on the air at your location. There is very little use in looking for DX if the DX is sleeping or at work! At my QTH is

usually find them early in the morning or late at night. Your mileage may vary!

Second, don't expect to find a 599 signal. Look instead for weaker signals. Like a QRP signal!

THird, use the frequency bands to your advantage. Start at 20 and go up. The propagation is better!

73

Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 08:57:21 -0700 (MST)
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
To: Trevor Jacobs <fxtech@earthlink.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111100] Re: Fox -- Not My Night...
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0111090853350.1903-100000@cannac.fun>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi Trevor, you were 589-599+ at my house too. I heard you calling Ron as I was and wondered why Ron didn't hear you. As I said it seemed there was an endless converbelt of w0 and w9 stations that must have been s9 to Ron.

Not My Night. Oh Well, next week it's up again.

On Fri, 9 Nov 2001, Trevor Jacobs wrote:

> Karl,
>
> You were running a 579 to a 599 here in Burbank. That Vertical's doing a
> FB job! I heard you calling over and over, as I was doing the same, Hi!
> I was having local electrical noise, so was making RX a bit difficult on
> Ron's signal, but I heard him in there. Didn't bag Ron, but did get
> Steve! Boy Steve, you made out great, 114 hounds! Way to go...too much
> fun!
>
> 72/73's
> Trev
> KG6CYN
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Karl F. Larsen <k5di@zianet.com>
> To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
> Sent: Friday, November 09, 2001 4:17 AM
> Subject: Re: Fox -- Not My Night...

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> >
> > Hi Todd, you were just a bit late I think. My 1/4 wave Butternut
> vertical
> > worked fine. I got Steve with about the first call. Just found where
> the
> > Fox was, the pieup, and went 500 Hz farther.
> >
> > Then tried that on Ron in Ohio. I tried it all evening. He was s4 and
> he
> > had plenty of w0 and w9 stations that were s9. I heard other hounds
> work
> > Ron on exactly the frequency I was madly calling on. Ron did not hear
> me
> > at all. But that isn't my antenna's fault. That is propogation and/or
> I am
> > off the end of his wire.
> >
> > You were just late. If you have a MFJ antenna analyzer measure the
> > impedance of your vertical at resonance. If it's lower than 50 ohms
> your
> > ground is probably ok. If it's above 50 ohms then the radials may not
> be
> > doing the job. I use 4 radials tuned to 40 meters. The vertical is on
> the
> > roof and so are the radials. I get r=35 ohms at resonance at 7.050
> MHz.
> > SWR = 2-1. Love it!
> >
> > On Thu, 8 Nov 2001, Todd Enders wrote:
> >
> > >
> > > Due to unforeseen circumstances, I only made it for the last 15-20
> > > minutes of the hunt. Spent most of that trying to hit Steve, but no
> > > joy.
> > > I found Ron in the middle of some SSB QRM, just in time to hear him
> > > send "that's all".
> > >
> > > Time to check my antenna system to see what gives. Added
> > > 20-odd new radials to the mix, and seem to be getting out *worse*
> > > than I had been before. Head scratching time... :-/
> > >
> > > 72/73,
> > >
> > > Todd, AG0T
> > >
> > >

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> > --
> > Yours Truly,
> >
> > - Karl F. Larsen, k5di@arrl.net (505) 524-3303 -
> > <http://www.qsl.net/k5di/>
> >
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Yours Truly,

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<http://www.qsl.net/k5di/>

Date: Fri, 09 Nov 2001 10:56:09 -0500
From: Ken Wagner <kewagner@ids.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.edu
Subject: [111101] STEVE - N0TU
Message-ID: <4.3.2.7.2.20011109105215.00b06630@pop3.ids.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Steve(N0TU):

If you read this...
Your email server is rejecting email saying your mailbox has been disabled.
Correction/fill for your 0249 log entry: QTH is RI.
73, Ken K3IU

Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 09:05:51 -0700 (MST)
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
To: Brian <brian@iquest.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111102] Re: Cub Fox Hunt frequency move
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0111090900360.1903-1000000@cannac.fun>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi Brian, In 1998 there were fewer Broadcast stations and they were a lot

weaker than now at a sunspot maximum. These 2 factors make it impossible to run a Fox Hunt there. Also, you have upgraded and so have a lot of the Novice hams here. Since April, 2000 there are no more Novice hams being made. And no more Tech+ either. So expect to hear a lot more General hams now.

On Fri, 9 Nov 2001, Brian wrote:

> Karl,
>
> Ummmm...as one of the Novice/Tech Foxes back in 1998, I really appreciated
> the opportunity to participate in a Fox hunt in the Novice bands as well as
> being a fox. The 40m Novice band is a rough area to learn your skills, but
> I got 44 states up there.
>
> How many Novice/Tech foxes do we have? Will the current group of Cub Foxes
> have the ticket for lower band ops? Perhaps, we have no Tech+ or Novice
> foxes...I don't know.
>
> What I do know is that I am a General ticket holder and I need to upgrade.
> So back to the books.
>
> 73
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
> To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
> Sent: Friday, November 09, 2001 8:09 AM
> Subject: FOX: Cub Fox Hunt frequency move
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> >
> > Experiance over 2 hunts has proven that the old Novice Sub-band is
> > taken over by Broadcasters not running QRP. The modern slow CW Ham has a
> > General or higher license obtained by passing a 5 wpm code test.
> >
> > So the third and subsequent Cub Fox Hunts will be conducted in the
> > 7.030 - 7.050 MHz window which Ron discovered last night includes the
> > Mexican Ranch Radio Service QR0.
> >
> > --
> > Yours Truly,
> >
> > - Karl F. Larsen, k5di@arrl.net (505) 524-3303 -
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Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 08:24:17 US/Pacific
From: top@whidbey.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [111103] re: Need help with FCC
Message-ID: <200111091624.fA9GOTln001413@rain.CC.Lehigh.EDU>

Hello, all:

Bob WA2HOQ said:

> I'm trying to update my new address but got lost on the QRZ'ed site.

Hopefully without starting another *long* thread about how the government is trying to destroy the very fabric of America, etc...

Here's a reminder of yet another benefit of ARRL membership:

* As a free service to ARRL Members, ARRL Members may complete and sign an NCVET Form 605 (<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/ncvec605-3.pdf>) and return it to ARRL HQ. ARRL HQ staff will in turn file the application data electronically with the FCC. The processing time will take only a few days or less once the application reaches ARRL HQ. Send such applications to:

ARRL VEC, 225 Main St, Newington CT 06111 USA.

73, Terry
K7OI

Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 11:26:47 -0500
From: Bill Coleman <aa4lr@arrl.net>

To: <myetsko@insydesw.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111104] Re: Starpower Poll & Honor Roll
Message-ID: <1011009112647.LAA20698@gate.iterated.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"

On 10/25/01 3:34 PM, Mike Yetsko at myetsko@insydesw.com wrote:

>Alligator clips from a suicide cord clipped on each fork, leading to a
>wall socket.

>

>Sometimes the brain just doesn't catch on in time. I touched the hot
>dog to see how warm it was getting...

Ok, my wife has a great story. She was doing a travelling education program to a group of junior high kids. She had brought a bunch of produce, and they were inserting strips of copper and zinc to see which made the best battery. (I got odds on the Lemon or Grapefruit....)

Unbeknownst to her, a couple of kids decided that the banana might make a better battery if they charged it up. So, they carefully placed the strips in the banana and inserted it into the wall socket.

BLAMMO! Smoking bits of scortched banana went everywhere! And the smell of burnt banana lingered in the room for several days.

Bill Coleman, AA4LR, PP-ASEL Mail: aa4lr@arrl.net
Quote: "Not within a thousand years will man ever fly!"
-- Wilbur Wright, 1901

Date: Fri, 09 Nov 2001 11:39:30 -0500
From: "Tim A. King Jr." <iflyos@hotmail.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [111105] HB Antenna Tuner
Message-ID: <F142MFaukyCKDkb9pPF000220a3@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

Ok, yet another question....opinions on qrp antenna tuner design, preferably with an led swr meter. Looking for homebrew with reasonably easily obtainable parts...I know I will have to wind coils, no problem there. As

usual, any and all suggestions are appreciated!

73,

Tim A. King, Jr.
KG4MQD
Safety Officer, Hobby Park R/C Aircraft Club
Winston Salem, NC
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Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 08:52:50 -0800
From: "Andreas Junge - ATT" <ajunge1@home.com>
To: <brian@iquest.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111106] RE: Cub Fox Hunt frequency move
Message-ID: <MFEOKMHFGOMOE0JFJILACECPGIAA.ajunge1@home.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

snip ...

>
> How many Novice/Tech foxes do we have? Will the current group of
> Cub Foxes
> have the ticket for lower band ops? Perhaps, we have no Tech+ or Novice
> foxes...I don't know.

I updated my poll site at

<http://n6nu.dhs.org/vote.php>

The question now is:

Are you a Technician Plus ?

Give me your feedback, I'll post the result.

72,

Andreas, N6NU
Menlo Park, CA
K2 #14

Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 12:12:15 -0500
From: Bill Coleman <aa4lr@arrl.net>
To: <k5di@zianet.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111107] Re: Symmetry? Reciprocity?
Message-ID: <1011009121215.MAA24598@gate.iterated.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"

On 10/31/01 7:39 AM, Karl F. Larsen at k5di@zianet.com wrote:

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>case where both are running 5 watts with good antenna's.

>

>A person more knowledgeable about solar events can better explain what
>is happening.

VY1JA, as well as several Alaskan stations have reported many, many
times, conditions where they can hear stations in the lower 48 S9, but
they cannot be heard at all.

Reciprocity is bunk. OK, I don't really know if it is the ionosphere, or
the unequal propagation of unwanted signals to one station or the other,
or some other factor unaccounted for.

All I know is -- at various times, resulting from factors you cannot control -- you may hear a station S9 or stronger, but he will not be able to hear you, even if you have stacked monobanders and a full gallon.

I've seen these demonstrated too many times. I remember at NQ4I just before dawn on 20m trying to contact some African stations in CQWW SSB. Even with 1.5 kW and a 5 element monobander way up high -- they would CQ in my face. 30 minutes later, I worked the same stations on the first call. Their signal strength didn't change, but obviously, mine did.

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Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 12:29:04 -0500
From: "w8diz" <w8diz@fpqrp.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111108] Re: HB Antenna Tuner
Message-ID: <00b101c16944\$076c8690\$0400000a@hunkar.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Tim,

Here is one of my HB tuners for 40 Mtrs and up...
<http://home.cinci.rr.com/w8diz/vert-x2.htm>
Schematic is on bottom of page.
L1 is a 1 inch or larger type 2 powdered iron toroid
with 16 turns (or more) of wire, tapped to a 12 position
switch. This design is for balanced OR unbalanced
feed lines. If you plan on coax only,
you can connect an output connector at the right
side of L1 and remove everything to the right
of L1.

72, -Diz, W8DIZ

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To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Friday, November 09, 2001 11:39 AM
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Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 09:38:52 -0800 (PST)
From: Bob Patten <n4bp@yahoo.com>
To: aa4lr@arrl.net,
Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111109] Re: Re QRL? or didit dit
Message-ID: <20011109173852.73747.qmail@web14310.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

--- Bill Coleman <aa4lr@arrl.net> wrote:
>

> Didit dit is the old American Morse letter "C". I'm not
> sure what it
> originally signified in this context.
>
> There aren't many American Morse operators around these
> days. I haven't
> heard didit dit used on the air in the last 10 years. I
> have heard QRL? plenty of times.
>
Interesting! I was never an American Morse operator, but
have always used didit dit, and have heard it often from others...

=====

73, Bob Patten, N4BP Plantation, FL

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QRP ARCI #3412 FISTS #7871 ARS #799 SOC #1 Whiners #6

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Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 12:29:31 -0700 (MST)
From: Mark M <markem@cervnet.com>
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [111110] Re: R7 Vertical
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0111091222260.21038-100000@cervnet.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Fri, 9 Nov 2001, Bill Coleman wrote:

>
> I dunno, Paul. I have an R7000, and it's really such a small antenna,
> wind-wise, that I don't see much of any benefit in guying it.
> ...

The R-7 is not nearly as streamlined as the 7000. It has exposed traps,
not enclosed like the 7000. I'd guess the wind area of the 7
is several times that of the 7000. If you were in a high
wind area it might be a good idea to guy the 7. I'd agree about the 7000,
tho.

73... Mark AA7TA

Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 13:43:32 -0600 (CST)
From: "Rich Dailey, KA80KH" <okh.npi@gte.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [111111] Nice Links from the Digest
Message-ID: <3.0.16.20011109194319.37b7a16e@mail.gte.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Well just got caught up with the last week of qrp-l digests. I always browse through them, skip the boring stuff, and mark & ctrl-c the links. I then paste them into notepad, using it as a big clipboard. Then I ctrl-v them into my browser.

So here's my "clipboard" of URLs for the past week or so - not all of them, mind you, just the ones that caught my interest. Enjoy... Rich, KA80KH

<http://www.eham.net/articles/2587?ehamsid=3d05f36f46611b00fd235cb3855ac>
<http://www.bencher.com/pdfs/00361ZZV.pdf>
<http://www.weaksignals.com/>
<http://www.bytemark.com/amidon/lb300.htm>
http://www.io.com/~n5fc/tt13xx_mods.htm
<http://www.smallwonderlabs.com/>
<http://www.kitsandparts.com>
<http://home.earthlink.net/~hamkitbuilder/elmer101.html>
http://www.spaceweather.com/images2001/04nov01/cme_c3_big2.gif
<http://www.xcvr.com/default.asp?view=kitbuilding>
<http://www.xcvr.com/default.asp?view=elmer101>
<http://www.io.com/~n5fc/rfprobe1.htm>
<http://sound.westhost.com/project74.htm>
<http://www.w3pages.net/w3/circuit/rfprobe.html>
<http://www.qsl.net/k7qo/swl30p.html>

Rich Dailey, KA80KH - Phyllis Dailey, KB4NPI
<<http://home1.gte.net/web22jfw/>>

Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 14:10:44 -0700 (MST)
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>

To: Bill Coleman <aa4lr@arrl.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111112] Re: Symmetry? Reciprocity?
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0111091402120.2300-100000@cannac.fun>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Fri, 9 Nov 2001, Bill Coleman wrote:

Sorry to say it but your trying to disprove the therom of resiprcity by coming up with Special Conditions that happen from time to time. This does not disprove anything. It says that unusual ionospheric conditions can mask the reciprocity. This is a given by the therom.

Reciprocity does work most of the time and it's very useful to gauge how strong you are to another station running the same power. If you copy the other station well, he will copy you well. This is proved all the time. Given time Karl Hess WF5A and I will bury you Bill Coleman in measured data over 1,600 miles.

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<http://www.qsl.net/k5di/>

Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 16:20:57 -0500
From: "NZ8J" <timcook@erinet.com>
To: <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111113] FS: FT-817 + accessories
Message-ID: <007801c16964\$6ed9d420\$6122fea9@nec>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

FS: FT-817, 2 weeks old (bought a 756 Pro and this must go) as new with all the original packing etc. package consists of:

FT-817 (ser # 1E270093)
W4RT OPP pack
YF-122C 500 hz Collins CW filter
CSC-83 Soft Vinyl case
"Pack-it" reference book
CT-39A Packet cable

Will ship and insure the complete package priority mail (or UPS if preferred) for \$735
Please email for more info
thanks
Tim
NZ8J

Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 15:25:04 -0600
From: Jim Glover <psykey@okcforum.org>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Cc: w6toy@erols.com
Subject: [111114] It's not about technical competence
Message-ID: <200111092125.fA9LP4x08150@okcforum.org>

> I am not, nor did I mean to imply that hams are stupid., Actually,
> though, I wonder why so many of us who claim technical competence have
> so much trouble with the FCC processes?

When someone has to switch to some other computer running some other operating system in order to use a web-based application, that is a hassle. It doesn't take any significant "technical competence" to walk up to or phone one friend/co-worker/whatever after another and say, "I need to get my hands on a system running Win 95 or NT, so I can make this web based application work for me. Does your computer run one of those?" and then arrange to go use that person's computer, once you find one.... but if you don't think it's a hassle, I dunno... you must be retired, or something. ;)

73,
Jim WB5UDE

Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 16:37:33 -0500
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>

To: <psykey@okcforum.org>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111115] Re: It's not about technical competence
Message-ID: <017f01c16966\$c6625bc0\$6501a8c0@INSYDENT>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

With the number of companies that suddenly are 'monitoring' employees and rating which web sites are 'productive' or not, and keeping records of all web sites visited, using someone else's workstation for a web visit, even for something like HAM radio related 'official' visit, could be frowned upon.

Maybe officially frowned upon by a company idiot in management.

Maybe only 'perceived' as being frowned upon by a co-worker who doesn't understand what you need to do, unless you explain it all to them from the beginning.

In any case, if someone used my machine without my permission, I'd get more than a little 'ticked off'. (Seeing as how in the past I had a machine 'crash' attributed to an individual who sat their kids at my machine to run a game to keep them 'occupied' while I wasn't around.)

I'm sorry, but I don't find much solace in your post.

Besides. here where I am, we run a SPECIFIC operating system for development. The only way I could change to one I don't have, would be to go find another HD and install it.

I could go over to a 'management' machine, as one of them may have other versions of an OS on them, but I just don't see myself doing that...

Mike

----- Original Message -----

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From: Jim Glover <psykey@okcforum.org>
To: myetsko@insydesw.com (Mike Yetsko)
Cc: psykey@okcforum.org,
 qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU (Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion)
Subject: [111116] Re: It's not about technical competence
Message-ID: <200111092152.fA9LqTq08290@okcforum.org>
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73,
Jim WB5UDE

Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 17:05:55 -0500
From: "Brice D. Hornback" <bdh@cyberbound.net>
To: <okh.npi@gte.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111117] Re: Nice Links from the Digest
Message-ID: <0c7801c1696a\$b525fca0\$7001a8c0@lwinc1.in.home.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Don't forget:

<http://www.QRPp-I.com>

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72/73 DE KA8MAV (Brice)
Indianapolis, IN EM79au
QRPp-I #1, QRP ARCI #10972, QRP-L #2360, ARRL
KLQRP, FPQRP -156, ARS #1,138, NETXQRP #27

----- Original Message -----

From: Rich Dailey, KA80KH <okh.npi@gte.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2001 2:43 PM
Subject: Nice Links from the Digest

> Well just got caught up with the last week of
> qrp-l digests. I always browse through them,
> skip the boring stuff, and mark & ctrl-c the
> links. I then paste them into notepad, using
> it as a big clipboard. Then I ctrl-v them into
> my browser.
> So here's my "clipboard" of URLs for the past
> week or so - not all of them, mind you, just the
> ones that caught my interest. Enjoy... Rich, KA80KH
>
> <http://www.eham.net/articles/2587?ehamsid=3d05f36f46611b00fdf235cb3855accb>
> <http://www.bencher.com/pdfs/00361ZZV.pdf>
> <http://www.weaksignals.com/>
> <http://www.bytemark.com/amidon/lb300.htm>
> http://www.io.com/~n5fc/tt13xx_mods.htm
> <http://www.smallwonderlabs.com/>

> <http://www.kitsandparts.com>
> <http://home.earthlink.net/~hamkitbuilder/elmer101.html>
> http://www.spaceweather.com/images2001/04nov01/cme_c3_big2.gif
> <http://www.xcvr.com/default.asp?view=kitbuilding>
> <http://www.xcvr.com/default.asp?view=elmer101>
> <http://www.io.com/~n5fc/rfprobe1.htm>
> <http://sound.westhost.com/project74.htm>
> <http://www.w3pages.net/w3/circuit/rfprobe.html>
> <http://www.qsl.net/k7qo/swl30p.html>
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> -----
> Rich Dailey, KA80KH - Phyllis Dailey, KB4NPI
> <<http://home1.gte.net/web22jfw/>>
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Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 17:09:07 -0500
From: "Mike Yetzko" <myetzko@insydesw.com>
To: <psykey@okcforum.org>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111118] Re: It's not about technical competence
Message-ID: <000901c1696b\$29baa700\$6501a8c0@INSYDENT>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

You're right, I missed your point...

And yes, I agree, there is no excuse for the garbage (and there is no better description) that is now presented as the 'official way to do things' on the FCC web site. A proposal put forth by the kind of people that have no other credentials than a pony tail and suspenders. (And I hope you get that reference from Dilbert!)

Mike

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Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 17:11:23 -0500
From: "Ed Tanton" <n4xy@att.net>
To: <psykey@okcforum.org>,
 "'Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion'" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111119] RE: It's not about technical competence
Message-ID: <005c01c1696b\$787e12f0\$73eb5b0c@n4xy>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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 charset="us-ascii"
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If there weren't several FREE versions of differing browsers out there for the downloading, there might be some room for discussion, but the fact is that they are there.

If you don't want to take the time and trouble to utilize a free download to get the latest Netscape (etc) so you can see my website at its best, too bad. Take what you get, or just go away, it isn't my problem.

If, on the other hand, the latest Netscape (etc) won't run on YOUR machine, how is that MY problem? The answer is that it isn't-and is the source of the word "absurd" I mentioned above.

* Note: this in no way refers to the other way around, where Microsoft has insisted ONLY their software be included in an OEM system "or else". THAT is another matter entirely.

73 Ed Tanton N4XY <n4xy@arrl.net>

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189 Pioneer Trail
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website: <http://www.n4xy.com>

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Norton AntiVirus with AutoProtect

LM: ARRL QCWA AMSAT & INDEXA;
SEDXC NCDXA GACW QRP-ARCI
OK-QRP QRP-L #758 K2 (FT) #00057

Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 17:24:05 -0500
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <n4xy@att.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111120] Re: It's not about technical competence
Message-ID: <003701c1696d\$450e4780\$6501a8c0@INSYDENT>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
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Well, personally I think that a government sponsored site should be MANDATED to run with 'generic' software that is not geared to any one type of interface.

Heck, I don't even like it when sites start putting up java.

Seriously, why should the FCC mandate a specific interface when in other parts of the country they have to give speeding tickets in multiple languages!!

And I just have this bug about NetScape. I was one of the people who PAID for NetScape early on. It was buggy, had little or no support, crashed my machine on a regular basis, and even corrupted my disk a few times when it crashed. I was so sick of it I was jumping for joy when I got IE. (Oh my God, should I admit that?) And IE was FREE! Like I said, no sympathy for anything about NetScape.

Mike

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Date: Fri, 09 Nov 2001 17:23:59 -0500

From: John Harper AE5X <ae5x@qsl.net>
To: QRP-L <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [111121] Re: Current issue of CQ Magazine - anyone?
Message-ID: <000301c1696d\$3b126ea0\$835dbc18@johnharp>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Thanks to all who emailed me the link I was looking for. As they say in my native part of 5-land: PREESheAte it.

John Harper AE5X
Outdoor QRP & Lowband DXing: <http://www.qsl.net/ae5x>

Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 17:17:44 -0500
From: Bill Coleman <aa4lr@arrl.net>
To: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
Cc: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111122] Re: Symmetry? Reciprocity?
Message-ID: <1011009171744.RAA19684@gate.iterated.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"

On 11/9/01 4:10 PM, Karl F. Larsen at k5di@zianet.com wrote:

>On Fri, 9 Nov 2001, Bill Coleman wrote:

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>Sorry to say it but your trying to disprove the therom of resiprcity by
>coming up with Special Conditions that happen from time to time. This does
>not disprove anything. It says that unusual ionospheric conditions can
>mask the reciprocity. This is a given by the therom.

I have no doubt that the theory of reciprocity is a useful mathematical model that makes it possible to design long-distance communications links.

But any expectation of reciprocity in any on-air amatuer operations is foolish.

>Reciprocity does work most of the time and it's very useful to gauge how
>strong you are to another station running the same power.

The key words: "most of the time".

The fact that it doesn't work some of the time means it isn't a useful expectation. The mathematical model doesn't accurately reflect the observed conditions.

>If you copy the
>other station well, he will copy you well. This is proved all the time.

You cannot "prove" anything with experiments. You can only disprove a hypothesis. The fact that you conduct successful experiments does not prove reciprocity. Indeed, the SINGLE experiment that is unsuccessful is enough to disprove it.

I'll agree that amateurs observe reciprocal conditions most of the time. But there are times that it isn't true. Recognising a non-reciprocal condition exists is a key to avoiding frustration. This especially applies to QRP operations -- since the lower power level gives a lot less operating margin.

>Given time Karl Hess WF5A and I will bury you Bill Coleman in measured
>data over 1,600 miles.

Come to NQ4I during CQWW SSB next year, and let's see you work those S9 Africans on 20m before dawn. 30-60 minutes later, they won't be any stronger, but you'll be able to work them.

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The bottom line is that while reciprocal conditions may be the norm, there are times it doesn't exist. I can't give you a solid theory as to why that is, but I observe it any time I enter a contest. QRP, Low Power, or a Full Gallon makes no difference. I suspect it has something to do with unequal ionization of the ionosphere, or perhaps propagation of unwanted signals (noise) at one receiver's site.

This single observation proves that reciprocity doesn't always apply. Deal with it.

Bill Coleman, AA4LR, PP-ASEL Mail: aa4lr@arrl.net
Quote: "Not within a thousand years will man ever fly!"
 -- Wilbur Wright, 1901

Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 16:26:13 -0600 (CST)
From: Jim Glover <psykey@okcforum.org>
To: n4xy@arrl.net
Cc: psykey@okcforum.org,

qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU ('Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion')
Subject: [111123] Re: It's not about technical competence
Message-ID: <200111092226.fA9MQDp08450@okcforum.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

> If there weren't several FREE versions of differing browsers out there
> for the downloading, there might be some room for discussion, but the
> fact is that they are there.

The browser is only half of the issue. According to the FCC web site,
you have to be running not only a certain web browser, but also, a
certain operating system.

If you'd be perfectly happy having to download a certain web browser
before you could run something offered on the web, then, you have a
lot more free time than I do, or at least, you value it less. I'd
be annoyed if the web application I needed to run to renew my license
(which is very different from entertaining myself by browsing someone's
personal web pages) required me to download and install even free
software before I could do it--but that, I'd shut up and live with.

The problem is worse than that, however. The FCC's specifications
call for you to be running one of a handful of specific operating
systems.

Is it your position that we all ought to be perfectly willing to dump
the old operating system on our computer, and (pay for) and install
some other operating system, in order to be able to use a web based
application?

If so, your idea of how the web should work is *extremely* different
from mine.

73,
Jim WB5UDE

Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 17:27:56 -0500 (EST)
From: baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com
To: Jim Glover <psykey@okcforum.org>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111124] Re: It's not about technical competence
Message-ID: <20011109170212.017523-100000@unix1.vhost.min.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

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> web browser running on certain operating systems.

Far too many web designers and their customers understand that
there are still folks who use text-based browsers(LYNX).

Without that understanding, it's easy to put up a web page that
paints the viewer in the IE/Netscape/Windows Only.....yatta, yatta
corner.

Another often overlooked situation is when hearing-impaired folks
use their test to voice readers to "speak the page" to them.

I've always tried to design my pages to NOT frustrate text-only or
hearing-impaired vistors...but sometimes I just don't do it correctly.

One night I got a phone call from the Technology Driector of the National
Federation for the Blind. He asked me to listen to something.

What I heard sounded like his text to voice reader had run amuck...like a
robot with a stutter on cocaine.

So, I was really mortified when he told me that his reading one of my
pages...and some of the "cute" design stuff was making the noise.

Thom

baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com
<http://www.baltimoremd.com/>
<http://www.baltimorehon.com/>
<http://www.zerobeat.net>

Thom LaCosta K3HRN Webmaster
Baltimore's Home Page
Home of the Baltimore Lexicon
Home of The QRP Web Ring
and Drake Mail List Pages

Date: Fri, 09 Nov 2001 17:28:57 -0500
From: Daryl Cline <wb4yex@yahoo.com>
To: ATRAIL-L@Lehigh.EDU, HamRadio_Mountaintopping@yahoogroups.com,
qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU, qrp-l@qth.net
Subject: [111125] AT Saturday
Message-ID: <4.3.2.7.0.20011109172125.00b63140@mail.ntelos.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Well the plans for operating from the AT tomorrow fell through. Other things came up that I have to do this weekend. We are however planning on operating from Spruce Knob W.Va. next Friday night. Spruce knob is the highest point in W.Va. We hope to be on the air by 7:00 PM Eastern time. It is quite a drive from here so we will probably only operate for about an hour. I will post times es freqs. toward the end of next week. If anyone knows how to use the Adventure Radio Societies event posting from their website I would appreciate it if you would post this. I tried my last AT trip but when ever I hit submit I would get a 404 error. I am not sure what I was doing wrong but my email to them as to the problem went unanswered. They need a mailing list not that on site posting. Anyway the ARS sponsors a top of the world event.

Daryl Cline WB4YEX FPQRP # 322 ARS #632 SOC #449

Harrisonburg, Va.

<http://www.cfw.com/~jdc>

-AOL Instant message screen name WB4YEX-

"When I found the skull near camp, the first thing I did was call the police. But then I got curious I picked it up and started wondering. Who was this

person ? and why did he have goat horns ?

Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 17:40:50 -0500

From: "Ed Tanton" <n4xy@att.net>

To: "'Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion'" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [111126] RE: It's not about technical competence

Message-ID: <006a01c1696f\$95d6c050\$73eb5b0c@n4xy>

MIME-Version: 1.0

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charset="us-ascii"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Actually Jim, that is EXACTLY my point. If you CHOOSE to continue to run DOS, for example, or WIN 3.1 (to name the one I use-by necessity-on my old Gateway sub-Notebook) then it is your CHOICE to utilize your computer in a manner so far outside the mainstream, that it is ABSOLUTELY not my website, nor the FCC's, obligation to provide computer services to you. I have no desire to see my tax dollars wasted trying to provide services to people who-for whatever reason-insist on falling further and further behind the rest of the world.

73 Ed Tanton N4XY <n4xy@arrl.net>

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LM: ARRL QCWA AMSAT & INDEXA;
SEDXC NCDXA GACW QRP-ARCI
OK-QRP QRP-L #758 K2 (FT) #00057

Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 17:49:19 -0500
From: "David Porter" <aa3ur@home.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111127] Re: it's not about technical competence
Message-ID: <004101c16970\$c500c460\$927ba8c0@jamison1.pa.home.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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> in such a way that it can be used successfully only with a certain
> web browser running on certain operating systems.

I agree. If you or I or even the FCC write a web application, it should allow full functionality for any client using any browser. That is one of the most basic tenets of the World Wide Web to begin with. The guys at CERN picked something that could be made reasonably machine independent. That's good.

If software manufacturers want to differentiate their product from others by what it won't do, a free market would quickly take care of that. It gets a little odd when we have a (virtual or real) monopoly and the monopolist wants to differentiate his product by what it won't do all the while protesting that they need the flexibility to add features in the name of innovation.

Regardless of who is the prime mover, the FCC should write its stuff so that

any browser works with it.

David Porter AA3UR
aa3ur@home.com

Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 22:58:44 GMT
From: kb1dxc@discovernet.net (kb1dxc)
To: brian@iquest.net
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [111128] Re: Working Japan
Message-ID: <v01530502b811c9f97e99@[216.221.130.213]>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Hi,

There is a link to the beacons on our club web site, down near the bottom of the page. Here is the address:

<http://ctsara.homestead.com/>

Mike,
KB1DXC

>This is probably an old question, but I don't have enough ambition to dig
>through the archives to find the answer.

>

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>Is there a website that lists the beacons out there? If so, do you know the
>URL?

>

>Thanks

>

>73

>

>----- Original Message -----

>From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>

>To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

>Sent: Friday, November 09, 2001 8:32 AM

>Subject: Re: Working Japan

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>>
>> Working Japan from the East Coast is more difficult than from the West
>> Coast. So much of what you read is not correct. At QRP level you want to
>> be on the highest frequency band that supports propagation to Japan. This
>> weekend that should be 10 meters. Listen to the beacons that are sent
>> every 3 minutes on 28.200 MHz CW so tune around till you hear one. They
>> send their call and one is JA2IGY and three dashes. The first dash is 100
>> watts, the second is 10 watts and the third is 0.1 watt.
>>
>> If you can hear all three dashes conditions to Japan are good and you
>> should work many of them.
>>
>> If you don't hear Japan on 10 meters try the beacon on 21.150 MHz and see
>> if that works.
>>
>> Have fun!
>>
>> On Fri, 9 Nov 2001, Alex wrote:
>>
>> > Hi there,
>> >
>> > With the Japan DX contest coming up, I thought that this may be my best
>> > chance to work Japan. I've only been on HF for a couple of months now so
>> > I have no experience and don't even know if my 5 Watts would even make
>> > it there. Can anyone tell me what would be the best time of the day and
>> > band to work Japan from the East Coast?
>> >
>> > Perhaps someone could point me in the right direction where I could find
>> > this kind of information. I downloaded some propagation software and I'm
>> > reading some articles, but the contest is probably over by the time I
>> > finally grasp the meaning of it all.
>> >
>> > Thanks and 73,
>> > --Alex
>> >
>>
>> --
>> Yours Truly,
>>
>> - Karl F. Larsen, k5di@arrl.net (505) 524-3303 -
>> http://www.qsl.net/k5di/
>>
>>

Just remember: It IS as BAD as you think, and they ARE out to get you.

email address : kb1dxc@discovernet.net

MY WEB SITE IS: <http://www1.discovernet.net/~kb1dxc/>

MY RADIO WEB SITE IS AT: <http://www.qsl.net/kb1dxc>

The web site of the Stamford Amateur Radio Association:
<http://www.qsl.net/wlee>

MIKE

Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2001 18:23:36 -0500
From: "NZ8J" <timcook@erinet.com>
To: <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [111129] FT-817 has been sold...
Message-ID: <010401c16975\$8f25e500\$6122fea9@nec>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

thanks
NZ8J

Date: Fri, 09 Nov 2001 18:32:09 -0500
From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: Jim Glover <psykey@okcforum.org>
Cc: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [111130] Re: It's not about technical competence
Message-ID: <3BEC6779.3E6892A1@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Him,

I am retired, So what? The FCC apparently clearly states what will and won't work with their on line system. What is wrong with using that. It cuts out all the gripes. I don't care what a tekiie you are, if you cannot read and follow directions you're not much use to me! Sure, borrow whatever computer system will work. It doesn't sound like rocket science to me.

73

Date: Fri, 09 Nov 2001 18:50:11 -0500
From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: myetsko@insydesw.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [1111131] Re: It's not about technical competence
Message-ID: <3BEC6BB3.55608BA5@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Mike and Ed,

You could have a great but frustrating career here in Washington trying to get the various agencies to agree on what software they will use.

But I think you have forgotten one thing. Nowhere in the LAW does it say you must have a computer to become a radio amateur. The FCC has created an aid to renewing licenses. If they want to specify some software it seems like their choice!

Having to support multiple browsers on your computer just to satisfy their system does seem a bit archaic. But there are other ways to renew. Mail still works, for a while. The ARRL offers free update service to members. And, of course, there is W5YI. Of course you have to have a computer to use either the ARRL site or the W5YI site!

73

End of QRP-L Digest 2368

